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To: Examiner Thomas, PTO AU 2831

From: Richard Kim, Associate

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**Comments:**

Examiner Dharia:

Attached herein is the copy of AAFR filed Dec. 2 by hand-carry to the Technology Center 2831 as you have requested.

Sincerely,

RJK

Sent by: RJK

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2831**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yukie NAKANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2831

Application No.: 09/865,575

Examiner: E. Thomas

Filed: May 29, 2001

Docket No.: 109639

For: MULTILAYER CERAMIC CAPACITOR AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the September 4, 2002, Office Action and the interview held  
September 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2 and 7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter  
contained therein.

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A multilayer ceramic capacitor comprising:  
internal electrode layers; and  
dielectric layers, the dielectric layers comprising particles, wherein an average  
particle diameter (R), in a direction parallel with said internal electrode layers, is larger than a  
thickness (d) of said dielectric layer, wherein a ratio (R/d) between said average particle  
diameter (R) and the thickness (d) of said dielectric layer satisfies  $1 < R/d < 3$ , and wherein  
the thickness (d) of said dielectric layer is less than 3  $\mu\text{m}$ .